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(U) Sunnyvale - UPS Worker Planning Mass Shooting Had 20k Ammo and Weapons Cache

(U) Police found tactical backpacks with ammunition "staged" at the suspected apartment. Thomas Andrews, 32, was arrested on suspicion of evading police, driving under the influence and several weapons violations, police in Sunnyvale said in a statement. Authorities said they received a report that Andrews was planning a mass shooting at the UPS facility in the city of Sunnyvale. When officers tried to stop him a pursuit ensued. After officers stopped Andrews, they searched his Sunnyvale apartment and found thousands of rounds of ammunition, high capacity magazines, five tactical rifles, a shotgun, three handguns, body armor and tactical backpacks with ammunition.

SOURCE: 2 March 2020, NBC News

(U) San Diego – Two Seizures, 207 Pounds of Illicit Drugs, Lead to Two Arrests

(U) US Customs and Border Protection at the San Ysidro port of entry, arrested a 20-year-old-man and 19-year-old woman from Mexico, in separate illicit drug seizure incidents after finding more than 5 pounds of heroin and 90 pounds of meth and over 100 pounds of cocaine, respectively. The drugs were seized and custody was turned over to Homeland Security Investigations.

SOURCE: 2 March 2020, US CBP Press Release

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(U) District of Columbia – US Security Agencies Gather to Combat Potential Election Interference

(U) Washington – National security professionals from across the US government will meet today for an unprecedented monitoring effort to counter cyberattacks and foreign disinformation aimed at Super Tuesday presidential primaries. Representatives from the Homeland Security Department, FBI, National Security Agency, and US Cyber Command will be positioned at the Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency facility to rapidly respond to any attacks on presidential primaries scheduled in 14 states. SOURCE: 3 March 2019, Reuters

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Italy – COVID-19 Death Toll Rises To 52

(U) Rome – The Italian government confirmed cases of COVID-19 climbed to 1,835. The death toll from Italy's coronavirus outbreak has risen to 52, an increase of 18 since 1 March. Rome confirmed its first cases, that of a police officer and a firefighter. The civil protection agency said 149 people had recovered from the virus, up by 66 since 1 March. The authorities said 742 people had been admitted to hospital, with 166 in intensive care. The vast majority of those infected had shown few or no symptoms and were recovering at home.

SOURCE: 3 March 2020, The Guardian

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(U) Turkey - Greek Border With Turkey Closed As 1,000 Migrants Attempt Crossing

(U) Ankara – Greek authorities thwarted an overnight attempt of about 1,000 people trying to cross the Ervos River into the country from Turkey, as thousands more search for ways into Greece on land. Officials said that in 24 hours between 2-3 March, 5,183 people were prevented from entering Greece. They said 45 people were detained. The new influx of migrants attempting to illegally enter Europe comes days after Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced his country was easing restrictions on those wishing to cross the border to leave Turkey.

SOURCE: 3 March 2020, Fox News

(U) Germany – German Politician's Car Set on Fire

(U) Gablenz – A suspected arson attack wrecked the car of Tino Chrupalla, leader of the German rightwing AfD party on 1 March. The local fire brigade was called to his house in Gablenz, a town near the border to Poland in the state of Saxony. The car was parked on his property according to Chrupalla, who called the incident a "direct attack on his family". Chrupalla had to be treated for smoke poisoning but was released from hospital this morning. The police are investigating whether a political motive was behind the attack.

SOURCE: 3 March 2020, DW

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